

(P) programs resulting in utility cost savings; or

(Q) other energy or water conservation-related improvements or equipment, including improvements or equipment relating to renewable energy or nonconventional water sources or water reuse.

(9-a) "Pilot program" means a pilot program operated by the Energy Systems Laboratory at the Texas A&M Engineering Experiment Station, in consultation with the Texas Facilities Commission and the State Energy Conservation Office, that:

(A) establishes and implements energy efficiency improvements to state-owned buildings maintained by the commission;

(B) generates savings in utility costs resulting from the improvements resulting in at least a 30 percent annual return on the costs of the improvements;

(C) provides for the participation of not fewer than two companies selected by the commission; and

(D) provides for any money attributable to utility cost savings resulting from the pilot program to be appropriated only to the commission.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

Passed by the House on April 13, 2015: Yeas 132, Nays 9, 1 present, not voting; the House concurred in Senate amendments to H.B. No. 1184 on May 29, 2015: Yeas 133, Nays 12, 2 present, not voting; passed by the Senate, with amendments, on May 26, 2015: Yeas 30, Nays 1.

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**COMPENSATION OF PROPERTY OWNERS WHOSE
PROPERTY IS DAMAGED AS A RESULT OF A PURSUIT
INVOLVING A FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY**

CHAPTER 1022

H.B. No. 1190

AN ACT

relating to the compensation of property owners whose property is damaged as a result of a pursuit involving a federal law enforcement agency.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Section 683.015(f), Transportation Code, is amended to read as follows:

(f) A law enforcement agency or an attorney representing the state may use funds transferred under Subsection (d) to compensate property owners whose property was damaged as a result of a pursuit involving a law enforcement agency or a federal law enforcement agency, regardless of whether the agency would be liable under Chapter 101, Civil Practice and Remedies Code.

SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only to property damage occurring on or after the effective date of this Act. Property damage occurring before the effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect at the time the damage occurred, and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

Passed by the House on April 30, 2015: Yeas 128, Nays 11, 1 present, not voting;
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**DECEPTIVE ACT OR PRACTICE INVOLVING A
SOLICITATION IN CONNECTION WITH A GOOD OR SERVICE
OR INVOLVING THE PRODUCTION, SALE, DISTRIBUTION,
OR PROMOTION OF CERTAIN SYNTHETIC SUBSTANCES**

CHAPTER 1023

H.B. No. 1265

AN ACT

relating to a deceptive act or practice involving a solicitation in connection with a good or service or involving the production, sale, distribution, or promotion of certain synthetic substances.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Section 17.46(b), Business & Commerce Code, is amended to read as follows:

(b) Except as provided in Subsection (d) of this section, the term “false, misleading, or deceptive acts or practices” includes, but is not limited to, the following acts:

- (1) passing off goods or services as those of another;
- (2) causing confusion or misunderstanding as to the source, sponsorship, approval, or certification of goods or services;
- (3) causing confusion or misunderstanding as to affiliation, connection, or association with, or certification by, another;
- (4) using deceptive representations or designations of geographic origin in connection with goods or services;
- (5) representing that goods or services have sponsorship, approval, characteristics, ingredients, uses, benefits, or quantities which they do not have or that a person has a sponsorship, approval, status, affiliation, or connection which he does not;
- (6) representing that goods are original or new if they are deteriorated, reconditioned, reclaimed, used, or secondhand;
- (7) representing that goods or services are of a particular standard, quality, or grade, or that goods are of a particular style or model, if they are of another;
- (8) disparaging the goods, services, or business of another by false or misleading representation of facts;
- (9) advertising goods or services with intent not to sell them as advertised;
- (10) advertising goods or services with intent not to supply a reasonable expectable public demand, unless the advertisements disclosed a limitation of quantity;
- (11) making false or misleading statements of fact concerning the reasons for, existence of, or amount of price reductions;
- (12) representing that an agreement confers or involves rights, remedies, or obligations which it does not have or involve, or which are prohibited by law;
- (13) knowingly making false or misleading statements of fact concerning the need for parts, replacement, or repair service;
- (14) misrepresenting the authority of a salesman, representative or agent to negotiate the final terms of a consumer transaction;